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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**FISH AND GAME COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES**

Thursday, January 12, 2006 Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374-A

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

John Hybarger, Chairperson  
Sandra Aronberg  
Timothy Jones  
Bradley Nuremburg

**STAFF PRESENT**

Peter Papadakis  
Garen Khachian

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hybarger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 22, 2005 MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the August 22, 2005 minutes.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Nuremburg, the Commission unanimously approved the reelection of Chairperson Hybarger.

On motion of Commissioner Nuremburg, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the reelection of Vice-Chair Aronberg.

**GRANT REQUEST FROM THE CENTER FOR ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 TO RESEARCH SOUTHERN STEELHEAD RESOURCES IN THE SOUTH COAST**

Gordon Becker, Center of Ecosystem Management and Restoration Inc., reported the firm began to focus on steelhead resources in the Bay area within the last five years. An information data base was published; however, information was unavailable for the South Coast region. Mr. Becker stated the project funding was budgeted for \$150,000, but the size of the Geographic area was too vast and a shortfall amount of \$33,000 is anticipated.

Chairperson Hybarger inquired about historical stream survey and its use for steelhead in Los Angeles County. Mr. Becker reported historical stream survey for Los Angeles County is available on digitalized compact disk for public use and that major corporations in California do not engage in steelhead research.

Commissioner Nuremberg asked what findings are expected to be discovered in the Malibu Creek streams. In response to Commissioner Nuremberg, Mr. Becker advised information regarding trends and causes leading to the decline of steelhead in the streams would be helpful in the overall understanding of the steelhead population.

Chairperson Hybarger advised the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has a trout restoration program and is concerned this proposal would be duplicitous to support.

Commissioner Nuremberg concurred and added the project is interesting but lacks substantive and immediate value for Los Angeles County. Mr. Becker stated the focus of the research is based on a regional scale. Chairperson Hybarger reported the DFG has the authority and responsibility to provide funds for this particular project.

The Commission thanked Mr. Becker for his presentation.

**The Commission unanimously approved to deny the \$5,000 grant request proposal submitted by Gordon Becker, Center of Ecosystem Management and Restoration Inc. to supplement research of Southern Steelhead resources along the South Coast.**

#### **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Vice-Chair Aronberg advised it would be beneficial to know in advance the total dollar amount approved for recurring Fish and Game grants each year. Chairperson Hybarger requested staff contact the Auditor-Controller liaison in charge of Fish and Game fines.

**On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Nuremberg, the Commission unanimously received and filed the financial report and requested further research concerning information on collection of fines.**

#### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

- Commissioner Jones met with Tina Terrell Supervisor of Cleveland National Forest and discussed urban fishing events.
- Commissioner Jones spoke with Nicholas Bechtel and noticed the Commission has yet to receive the Game Bid Heritage progress reports.
- Commissioner Jones spoke about the problem of over fishing by commercial fisheries all over Los Angeles County.
- Chairperson Hybarger reported Steve Holl was hired by San Bernardino Forest as the Supervisor of the Big Horn Sheep Restoration program.
- Chairperson Hybarger discussed the possibility of receiving a refund from Argos for the defective Global Positioning System Collars used in the Big Horn Sheep project.

#### **Matters not Posted (To be Briefly Discussed and Placed on the Agenda for a Future Meeting)**

Commissioner Jones suggested the possibility of sponsoring a photo booth with County Supervisors at the next event to enhance the Commissions exposure to the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

